

SENATE FIRST READERS IN HOUSE  
FRIDAY, MARCH 08, 2019  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

[SB 2.](#)

By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th, Harper of the 7th, Hill of the 4th, Kirk of the 13th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to specifically authorize electric membership corporations and their affiliates to provide broadband services; to provide for definitions; to authorize certain financing and partnerships for the provision of broadband services; to prohibit cross-subsidization between the provision of broadband services and an electric membership corporation's natural gas activities or electricity services activities; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

[SB 58.](#)

By Senator Karinshak of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 23-3-122 of the O.C.G.A., relating to investigations by Attorney General, civil actions authorized, intervention by government, limitation on participating in litigation, stay of discovery, alternative remedies, division of recovery, and limitations, so as to eliminate the requirement that the Attorney General provide written approval that allows for a private person to bring a civil action regarding false taxpayer claims; to amend Code Section 49-4-168.2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to role of Attorney General in pursuing cases, civil actions by private persons, special procedures for civil actions by private persons, limitation on participation, stay of discovery, and receipt of proceeds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[SB 80.](#)

By Senators Lucas of the 26th, Mullis of the 53rd, Hill of the 4th, Jones of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 10 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority, so as to remove expired provisions related to the issuance and review of requests for proposals for a new location, ownership, management, or operation of the hall of fame; to amend Part 12 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority, so as to remove expired provisions related to the issuance and review of requests for proposals for a new location, ownership, management, or operation of the hall of fame; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

[SB 103.](#)

By Senators Davenport of the 44th, Henson of the 41st, Harbison of the 15th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jones II of the 22nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers of local governments as to air facilities, so as to provide that airports owned, controlled, or operated by a county, municipality, or

other political subdivision of this state shall not assess any fee to a veteran for motor vehicle parking; to provide for a definition; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[SB 108.](#)

By Senators Martin of the 9th, Albers of the 56th, Miller of the 49th, Stone of the 23rd, and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum, so as to require courses in computer science in middle school and high school; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for a phase-in of such requirement; to provide for courses through the Georgia Virtual School; to provide for grants for professional development programs for teachers providing instruction in computer science courses and content; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[SB 110.](#)

By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Gooch of the 51st, Dugan of the 30th, Kennedy of the 18th, Miller of the 49th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to establish the State-wide Business Court pursuant to the Constitution of this state; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding salaries and fees, so as to designate a salary for the judge of the State-wide Business Court; to amend Title 5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to appeal and error, so as to make conforming changes regarding appeals; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 9, Title 23, and Code Section 33-39-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to declaratory judgments, equity, and equitable relief relative to insurance, respectively, so as to make conforming changes regarding equity; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[SB 121.](#)

By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Stone of the 23rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burke of the 11th, Unterman of the 45th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the prescription drug monitoring program data base, so as to increase the length of time that prescription information is retained in the data base from two years to five years; to authorize the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit to access the data base for enforcement purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[SB 131.](#)

By Senators Jones of the 25th, Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Harper of the 7th, Brass of the 28th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 6 of the O.C.G.A., relating to aviation, so as to create the Georgia Major Airport Authority; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 15 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., to general provisions relative to the Attorney General, so as to

provide for representation of the Georgia Major Airport Authority by the Attorney General; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RULES

[SB 132.](#)

By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Jones of the 25th, and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide for modernization and updates; to amend various provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for purposes of conformity; to repeal Article 2 of Chapter 29A, relating to the Commission on the Georgia Health Insurance Risk Pool; to provide for any assets, liabilities, and obligations thereof; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[SB 138.](#)

By Senators Martin of the 9th, Mullis of the 53rd, Albers of the 56th, Dugan of the 30th, Harper of the 7th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to provide certain benefits to disabled first responders; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., so as to provide for a free license plate for certain disabled first responders; to amend Code Section 48-5C-1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles; to amend Code Section 48-7-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to computation of net income, so as to exempt disability payments to certain disabled first responders from state income tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[SB 162.](#)

By Senators Brass of the 28th, Gooch of the 51st, Dugan of the 30th, Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to provide for disaster mitigation improvements and broadband services infrastructure in projects of downtown development authorities and development authorities; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

[SB 163.](#)

By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Miller of the 49th, Dolezal of the 27th, Robertson of the 29th, Gooch of the 51st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to authorize home study students to participate in extracurricular and interscholastic activities in the student's resident public school system; to provide for definitions; to provide eligibility requirements; to prohibit certain limitations by resident school systems, public schools, and athletic associations with respect to home study students participating in extracurricular and interscholastic activities; to provide for participation at a particular public school; to provide for participation fees; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[SB 167.](#)

By Senators Brass of the 28th, Kirk of the 13th, Watson of the 1st, Unterman of the 45th, and Thompson of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-211 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to relative search by DFCS, so as to provide that a foster placement for a child adjudicated as a dependent child may be deemed as the child's fictive kin in determining such child's permanency plan; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUVENILE JUSTICE

[SB 171.](#)

By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Ginn of the 47th, Mullis of the 53rd, Gooch of the 51st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15, Chapter 2 of Title 21, and Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, primaries and elections generally, and ad valorem taxation of property, respectively, so as to modify the compensation of various local government officials; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[SB 177.](#)

By Senators Brass of the 28th, Henson of the 41st, Robertson of the 29th, Anderson of the 43rd, Watson of the 1st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly generally, so as to provide the requirements for consideration of local legislation revising existing districts or creating new districts by the General Assembly; to provide for preparation or review of local districting plans by the staff of the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office; to provide for requirements and procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on LEGISLATIVE & CONGRESSIONAL  
REAPPORTIONMENT

[SB 186.](#)

By Senators Cowser of the 46th, Stone of the 23rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Rhett of the 33rd, and Beach of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 53 of the O.C.G.A., relating to trusts, so as to establish qualified self-settled spendthrift trusts; to provide for exceptions for spendthrift provisions of trusts which are not within qualified self-settled spendthrift trusts; to provide for claims by creditors for such trusts; to provide for the creation of such trusts; to provide for transfers to such trusts; to provide for vacancies of trustees; to provide for standards for such trusts to be considered nonrevocable; to provide for claims for relief; to amend Part 4 of Article 9 of Title 11 of the O.C.G.A., relating to rights of third parties to secured transactions, so as to exclude qualified self-settled spendthrift trusts from restrictions on assignment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[SB 190.](#)

By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Cowser of the 46th, Albers of the 56th, Stone of the 23rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Child Custody Intrastate Jurisdiction Act, so

as to provide that a party may bring a counterclaim for contempt or enforcement of a child custody order or for modification of legal or physical custody in response to a complaint seeking a change of legal or physical custody; to revise definitions; to provide that a party may make a cross-motion or counterclaim for contempt or enforcement of a child custody order in response to a motion for contempt or enforcement of a custody order; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUVENILE JUSTICE

[SB 195.](#)

By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burke of the 11th, and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide for consumer protections and freedom of information regarding prescription drug benefits; to provide for intent and applicability; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements; to provide for an advisory committee; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[SB 200.](#)

By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Ginn of the 47th, Miller of the 49th, Dugan of the 30th, and others:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exercise of power to contract by the Georgia Department of Transportation, so as to require the department to develop a procedure for appealing the rejection of a contract bid; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[SB 211.](#)

By Senators Harper of the 7th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Black of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th, and others:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to advertisement and sale of meat generally, so as to render unlawful the representation of nonanimal products and non-slaughtered animal flesh as meat; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

[SB 212.](#)

By Senators Martin of the 9th, Miller of the 49th, and Kirk of the 13th:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-5-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to examination of applicants, so as to revise the criteria by which the Department of Driver Services shall authorize certain licensed driver training schools to administer the on-the-road driving skills testing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[SB 213.](#)

By Senators Heath of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Stone of the 23rd, Dugan of the 30th, Gooch of the 51st, and others:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to campaign contributions, so as to revise the



content of and certain reporting times for certain campaign disclosure reports; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[SB 214.](#)

By Senators Martin of the 9th, Gooch of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 50th, and Dugan of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to barbers and cosmetologists, so as to change the number of apprenticeship hours required for cosmetologists, hair designers, estheticians, nail technicians, master barbers, and barbers II; to remove other requirements for certificates of registration; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[SB 216.](#)

By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to allow local governments to accept prepayments of ad valorem taxes; to provide for conditions, limitations, and procedures; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[SB 219.](#)

By Senators Jordan of the 6th, Rahman of the 5th, Black of the 8th, Robertson of the 29th, and Williams of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to require high school students and students seeking a general educational development (GED) diploma to correctly answer 60 percent of the questions on the United States Citizenship Civics Test for purposes of being eligible to receive a high school diploma or a general educational development (GED) diploma; to provide for multiple attempts; to provide for certification of scores; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[SB 222.](#)

By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Miller of the 49th, Cowsert of the 46th, Dugan of the 30th, Hill of the 4th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to create the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform and provide for its members, chairperson, other officers, committees, staff, funding, duties, powers, and sunset of such commission; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[SB 225.](#)

By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Kirk of the 13th, Miller of the 49th, Strickland of the 17th, Tillery of the 19th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding the Juvenile Code, so as to bring such provisions in conformity with the federal Social Security Act and the Family First Prevention Services Act; to amend Articles 3 and 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to dependency proceedings and termination of parental rights; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to children and youth services; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Office of State Administrative Hearings; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUVENILE JUSTICE

[SB 227.](#)

By Senators Martin of the 9th, Henson of the 41st, and Dugan of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting and supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate to benefit the Georgia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[SR 67.](#)

By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Stone of the 23rd, Miller of the 49th, Dugan of the 30th, Henson of the 41st, and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Senator William "Bill" S. Jackson and dedicating an interchange in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[SR 237.](#)

By Senators Cowser of the 46th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Dugan of the 30th, Albers of the 56th, Jones of the 25th, and others:

A RESOLUTION requesting that the United States Congress call a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RULES

[SR 264.](#)

By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Watson of the 1st, Burke of the 11th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Butler of the 55th, and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Emergency Medical Services Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[SR 275.](#)

By Senators Unterman of the 45th and Dolezal of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Innovation and Emerging Technologies Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY